(*b*) A copy of the Government Proceedings is appended. (Please see Appendix I)

LEPROSY SURVEY—REPORT OF

203. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government be pleased to print and place on the Council table report of the Leprosy Survey started by the Special Leprosy Officer in the Educational Institutions in the State as stated by the Government in the answer to Question No. 49 on the floor of the Legislative Council on the 19th November 1940;

(*b*) what action has the Government taken on the report?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* (*a*) A copy of the Special Leprosy Officer's report is appended. (Please see Appendix II)

(*b*) The Heads of the Educational Institutions were instructed to persuade the students concerned to seek treatment from the nearest medical institutions.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether leprosy survey was being conducted in 1116 and 1117?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* There was no survey conducted during these years. Medical Inspectors go round and they have been instructed to look into these possible cases.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* My question is whether the Special Leprosy Officer was taking that survey.

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No survey is being done now.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS OF GRANT-IN-AID DISPENSARIES—APPOINTMENT IN THE REGULAR MEDICAL SERVICE

204. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there are instances during the last 5 years of medical practitioners of the grant-in-aid dispensaries being transferred (appointed) in the regular medical service of the State;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the number of such cases of appointments and the names of doctors so appointed;

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(*c*) whether there are persons working in the dispensaries who have applied to the Medical Department to get themselves drafted to the regular line?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There is only one such case, Mr. E. Krishna Warrier L.M. & S.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether there were applications for posts in the regular line of the Medical Department, from the Medical Officers attached to the Rural dispensaries during the last five years?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether there is any order or proceedings of the Government restricting the admission of these Rural medical officers to the regular service?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* There is no order.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, whether there were appointments made in the regular medical line from among those who are either in the Rural dispensaries or those already in the service—in any case when the application from the Rural dispensaries were pending with the Government?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I think so.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are there not cases where strangers were appointed when medical officers attached to the Rural dispensaries were aspirants to get into the regular medical line?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No. I don't think so.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* The Hon'ble Member for Medicines stated that there were applications during the last few years from the medical practitioners. I say the appointments were made from among fresh recruits, *i.e.*, fresh people were brought to the regular line. What was the reason for not preferring the medical officers attached to the hospitals?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I would request the hon'ble member to quote one instance.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether any appointment was made to the regular medical line for the last five years?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Were those appointments from among the medical officers ?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I say, there was only one case.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Were there not applications from among the honorary medical officers ?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Appointments have been made from honorary medical officers. No outsider has been appointed.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* The question is who is to be preferred, whether the medical officers attached to the Rural dispensaries, or people who are not in service, and who have no experience ? What is the objection in preferring officers to new persons ?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No objection. We do not object to appointing men from among medical practitioners.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* When fresh appointments are made, are claims of these honorary men considered ?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes, always.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* You say, there was only one appointment from amongst the Rural medical practitioners. Were there any appointments from among others ?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* From among honorary surgeons.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Were there not cases in which the Rural medical officers offered themselves to work as honorary workers ?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* There were such cases, but there should be vacancies.

JAGGERY INDUSTRY—PROGRESS OF

205. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Excise Commissioner has received any report in 1116 and 1117 from any of subordinate officers about the progress of the jaggery industry in the State in pursuance of para 299 of the Excise Manual;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative when and from whom; what do those reports disclose;

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